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April 28, 1972 4410

Mr. James Lehrer
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Dear Mr. Lehrer:

On April 27, 1972, Dennis C. Weisensel and Lawrence F. Boehm, of this office, conducted an investigation of the sanitary landfill operated by Lehrer Sanitary Service, located in the Town of Buchanan. The investigation was prompted by complaints that runoff water was allowed to flow over the active fill area of the landfill and enter into the surface waters of Kankapot Creek, which eventually flows into the Fox River.

The investigation by Mr. Weisensel and Mr. Boehm revealed that waste water leachate was flowing from inactive portions of the disposal site into Kankapot Creek. The waste water leachate material is flowing from the southeastern-most area of the landfill site which is adjacent to the Chicago and Northwestern Railroad line.

Leachate material is ponding on the east side of the railroad line and then flowing through the railroad line culvert in an easterly direction into Kankapot Creek. Approximately thirty feet south of the culvert, leachate is percolating through the railroad line footing and flowing into the creek. The leaching condition now occurring is in violation of Section NR 151.09 (4), Wisconsin Administrative Code.

During the investigation, Mr. Weisensel and Mr. Boehm personally contacted you and informed you of the leaching discharge discussed above. It was requested that immediate action be taken to correct the violation involved. It was suggested that a portable pump could be utilized to pump the ponded leachate material back onto the disposal site. It is the opinion of this office that by reducing the volume of the ponded area, actual discharge into Kankapot Creek could be temporarily stopped. This should provide time so that arrangements can be made to permanently seal off the discharge area with suitable impermeable clay material.

In addition to eliminating the leachate discharge in the southeastern portion of the site, surface water discharge from the northeastern portion of the landfill area must also be eliminated.

You have informed our office that corrective action will be immediately taken to eliminate the leachate discharge from the landfill site.

Should Lehrer Sanitary Service fail to take corrective action to eliminate the leachate discharge, thissoffice will be prompted to initiate appropriate legal action.

Very truly yours,

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